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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 429
By Cole (Dyer)

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Police Capt. Joe M.
"Joey" McDowell, longtime Dyersburg law
enforcement officer.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret that the members of the Tennessee General
Assembly and the citizens of Dyer County learned of the death of Joe M. McDowell, one of the
county's best and most widely respected law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Capt. McDowell began his distinguished law enforcement career with the
Dyer County Sheriff's Department in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Capt. McDowell first served with the utmost acumen and alacrity as a
criminal investigator with the Dyersburg Police Department; in 1990, he was named the
Lawman of the Year by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Association in recognition of
his heroism in saving the life of a fellow officer; and

WHEREAS, he was named commander of the Dyersburg Police Department's special
response team in 1991, and he was commissioned by the FBI as a federal officer for the
organized crime-drug enforcement task force in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Capt. McDowell became the department's chief firearms instructor in 1995;
he was subsequently promoted to serve as captain over the criminal investigation division in
1996, and in this important position, he distinguished himself as a vital member of the
department's command staff by means of his meritorious service; and

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WHEREAS, this consummate lawman received the lifetime membership award from the West Tennessee Criminal Investigators Association in 1997;and

WHEREAS, the city/county juvenile detention center has recently been named in his honor, as a commemoration of his abundant care for the community in word and deed; and

WHEREAS, Capt. McDowell was a graduate of Dyersburg High School; the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia; he also attended Dyersburg State Community College, and Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Capt. McDowell was known for his enthusiasm and expertise in helping other officers to enhance their job performance; his preparation and service always exceeded the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Capt. McDowell is survived by his wife Carol Hilliard McDowell of Dyersburg; a daughter, Anna Carol McDowell; a son, Joe Mason McDowell; and his parents, Joe and Fay McDowell; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of Joe M. McDowell; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Joe M. McDowell, reflecting on his many selfless contributions to his community. Mr. McDowell unquestionably made Dyersburg and Dyer County a better place to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.